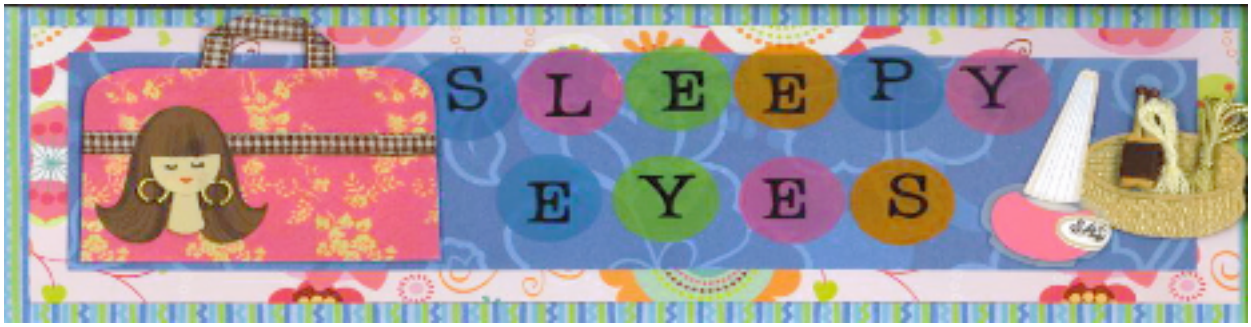

The Amanda Hat

A Fantastically Soft Hat Pattern
by
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model: Blogless Amanda photography: Gina House

Materials:

Yarn: approx. 1/2 skein of Malabrigo merino yarn (shown in Jacinto) or 2 oz/60 grams of a single ply heavy worsted weight yarn. 1 skein (used very carefully and knit to gauge) can make 2 hats. (A singly ply, heavy worsted merino yarn is recommended for softness and to highlight the lace pattern.)

Needles: US 9 16" circular needle and dpns (or needle size for correct gauge), scissors, tapestry needle, measuring tape

Size: Woman's medium/large head (21-22"), 21 1/2" wide at widest point, 8 inches tall from top to bottom.

Gauge: 4 stitches to 1 inches in stockinette

Abbreviations:

k = knit
p = purl
yo = yarn over from back to front of needle
psso = pass the slipped stitch over the indicated stitches on left of it.
k2tog = knit two stitches together knitwise
CO = cast on
BO = bind off
sl 1 = slip one stitch purlwise

Lace Background Pattern:

Round 1: k1, *yo, sl 1, k1, yo, psso*....*repeat across round. (124 stitches)
Round 2: k1, *drop yo, k2*...*repeat across round. (83 stitches)
Round 3: k2, *yo, sl 1, k1, yo, psso*...*repeat across round, end with k1. (123 stitches)
Round 4: k2, *drop yo, k2*...*repeat across round, end with k1. (83 stitches)

*__REMINDER__: the psso in this pattern refers to passing the slipped stitch over the knit **AND** yo stitches.

Directions:

With US 9 circular needle (or correct size to make gauge), CO 83 stitches **loosely**. Making sure stitches aren't twisted, join in the round.

Garter Ribbing: *(approx. 1. 5 inches)*

Round 1: knit
Round 2: purl

Repeat rounds 1 and 2, 3 more times (4 times total), repeat round 1 again. (9 rounds of garter stitch)

Body of Hat: *(approx. 5 inches)*

Repeat the 4 rounds of the Lace Pattern 3 times (12 rounds total).

Next 4 rounds: Continue with the Garter rounds. (start with a p round, end with a k round)

Repeat the 4 rounds of the Lace Pattern 3 more times. (12 rounds total).

Repeat the 4 more Garter rounds (as above).

Crown Decreases: *(approx. 2.5 inches)*

Round 1: *k5, k2tog....*repeat around to the last 6 stitches, knit 6.
Round 2 and all even rounds: knit around
Round 3: *k4, k2tog...*repeat around
Round 5: *k3, k2tog...*repeat around
Round 7: *k2, k2tog...*repeat around
Round 9: *k1, k2tog...*repeat around

Cut yarn with 6" tail. Thread tapestry needle and bring through remaining stitches. Pull tightly. Bring tail to inside of hat. Weave in the two yarn ends securely.

Block if desired. Wear and enjoy!

Note: *This hat is a bit deep for greater warmth and wearability. If you find this hat to be TOO deep for your head, leave out the second set 4 rounds of garter stitch after the second set of pattern rounds of hat. Have fun and be creative!*

Congratulations, you're done! (Please email me finished pics for my Sleepy Eyes "Amanda Hat"Gallery!) I hope you've enjoyed this pattern and if you have any comments, questions or find any errors (hopefully not!), please contact me here:

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